

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is filed in reply to the final Office action dated February 21, 2007. This paper amends claims 1, 31 and 36 and cancels claims 3-4 and 32-35. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 1, 2, 5-15, 23, 27, 31, 36-38 remain pending.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 5-15, 23, 27, 31-34 and 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 7,069,528 to Kovacs et al. (hereafter "Kovacs"). Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 31 and 36 to include the limitations of claims 3-4 and 32-35, respectively. As such, claims 1, 2, 5-15, 23, 27, 31, 36-38 are now patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kovacs.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Office action has allowed claims 3-4 and 35 if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include all the limitations of claims 3 and 4. Further, Applicant has amended independent claim 31 to include all the limitations of dependent claims 32-35. Lastly, Applicant has amended independent claim 36 to substantially include the limitations from claims 3 and 4. As such, Applicant believes that claims 1, 2, 5-15, 23, 27, 31, 36-38 are now in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thorough review of the application. The Applicant respectfully submits the present application, as amended, is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowability as soon as practicable.

The Applicant believes no fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 as necessary.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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